

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, starting at line 4, as indicated by the markings below.

Figure 1 shows the critical steps of the method on the basis of a simple flowchart. The customer or user receives a plurality of user programs from the manufacturer of these user programs on a storage medium, for example a CDROM, according to the order. The user, for example, has only ordered a specific selection of user programs and only paid for these. Nonetheless, many other user programs, which could be of use to the user in the future and of which he can definitely make security copies, are on this storage medium. Further, the user receives a dongle from the manufacturer with a copy protection identification KI_D . This dongle must be plugged onto the parallel interface of the data processing system in order to be able to run the installation program and enable a proper operation of the user program, which has yet to be installed. Further, the user receives an alphanumerical user identification AI. This user identification serves later as the key for deciphering the product identification PI that is likewise given to the user. This product identification PI, for example, is likewise composed of alphanumerical characters and contains, on the one hand, the copy protection identification KI in encrypted form and, on ~~he~~ the other hand, references a list of user programs that has been licensed to the user by the manufacturer as a result of the purchase.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, starting at line 10, as indicated by the markings below.

In step 18, the encrypted product identification PI that, for example, has been encrypted according to the high-compression Huffmann-Baum method is deciphered. The user identification ~~AT~~ AI given to the user is used as the key in this deciphering. The result of the deciphering step 18 is that the copy protection identification KI_{PI} and the list of user programs wanted by the user is obtained.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, starting at line 15, as indicated by the markings below.

In the following step 20, this list of the user programs is checked for plausibility, i.e. a determination can be made as to whether the correct user programs are present. Additionally, a checksum check of the list ensues in order to prevent ~~an~~ an unauthorized expansion of the license on the part of the customer (signature function).